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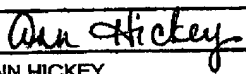
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

As set forth in the Office Action mailed January 31, 2007, the Examiner asserts that Group I (claims 5 and 16), Group II (claims 6, 7, 17 and 18), and Group III (claims 10 and 11) are drawn to separate inventions. The Examiner therefore requires Applicant to select for examination the claims of one of Groups I-III. The Examiner further requires that if Applicant elects Groups I or II, then Applicant must select between Species A (claims 3 and 14) and Species B (claims 4 and 15).

In response, Applicant elects to prosecute for examination purposes the invention identified in Group I (claims 6, 7, 17 and 18) and Species A (claims 3 and 14) without traverse. Currently, claims 1, 2, 5-13 and 16-19 are generic. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to change this election in the event the Examiner withdraws any aspect of the restriction requirement.

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While Applicant agrees with and does not seek to traverse the Examiner's determination of patentable distinctness between Species A and B, Applicant urges the Examiner to **carefully reconsider** the patentable distinctness determination made, as set forth in MPEP 806(h) and 808.01(a).

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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